

Club History

The Yacht Club Argentino was founded on July 2, 1883, making it the oldest yacht club in Latin America. It has nearly 3,000 members who enjoy the club's four locations (Buenos Aires, San Fernando, and two in Mar del Plata). The YCA, along with other international clubs, played an integral role in founding the International Yacht Racing Union (now World Sailing) in 1907. The YCA organizes the most important Latin American championship, with more than 500 boats, including one-designs from Optimists to Soto 33s. The club also organizes major offshore races such as Buenos Aires-Rio, South Atlantic Rolex Cup, and Buenos Aires-Mar del Plata. Among its current members are Olympic medallists Juan de la Fuente, Javier Conte and Lucas Calabrese.

Invitational Cup History

This will be the YCA's seventh appearance in the Rolex New York Yacht Club Invitational Cups, having competed in every event since 2011. The club's best finish was eighth in 2013 and 2017. In preparation for this year's IC, the base of the crew has been training on Soto 33 Boats, a boat which in many ways is similar to the IC37.

Crew

Cristian Frers returns to Newport for the 2023 IC, but this time as the helmsman for YCA. Frers was a member of the YCA team in 2017, 2019 and 2021. Frers has raced for 43 years, and as a helmsman he placed second at the Argentinean Soto 33 Class Championship in 2023, first at Semana de Buenos Aires, and first at Torneo Otoño in 2022 and 2023. He participated in Buenos Aires to Rio Race, Copa del Rey Championship, and Optimist World championships. Frers is a member of the YCA Directive Board since 2017 and President of the Yachting Commission since 2019 and Vice President of the Argentinean Yachting Federation from 2020 to 2022. After years of being the helmsman for the YCA IC team, Emilio Miguel will now be the tactician for this year's IC team. As tactician he placed first as the Torneo Otoño, first at Semana de Buenos Aires in 2021, and second in 2022. Miguel has represented Argentina at many international events and has been a three times national winner in different disciplines. He has won 6 ocean races such as Buenos Aires to Rio, Buenos Aires - Mar del Plata, and Buenos Aires - Punta del Este.



YCA CREW

- Helmsperson - Cristian Frers (Buenos Aires, ARG)
- Tactician - Emilio Miguel (Key Biscayne, FL, USA)
- Leopoldo Van Avermaete (Mar Del Plata, ARG)
- Jorge Eiras (General Pacheco, ARG)
- Cecilia Gwozdz (Quilmes, ARG)
- Laura Ines Salerno (La Plata, ARG)
- Martin Ramos (Buenos Aires, ARG)
- Pablo Tedin (Buenos Aires, ARG)
- Sarah Ragle (Frisco, CO, USA)

